THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIARJUN CHARAN SETHI): (a) and (b) NPCC Ltd. is a sick Public Sector Undertaking and has been incurring heavy losses since 1989 onwards due to high employment cost, surplus manpower, interest burden on loans, low recovery of outstanding dues from project authorities and insufficient generation of funds. Consequently, many units of the Corporation have become non performing units. The Government is providing Non Plan Assistance to NPCC Limited for meeting the statutory liabilities for payment of salaries/ wages. For this purpose, till date a total sum of Rs. 95.84 crore has been released by the Government to NPCC Ltd. Besides other remedial measures, a revival plan tor the company has also been formulated.

Duty Exemption Entitlement Schemes

*239. SHRI YADLAPTI VENKAT RAO:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether rampant misuse of scheme of Duty Exemption Entitlement Schemes (DEES) and Export Promotion Capital Goods (DPCG) have been detected; and

(b) if so, the efforts made to contain commercial frauds in bilateral/ multilateral trade to push up exports?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) Some misuse of these schemes has been noticed. Safeguards have already been inbuilt in each Export Promotion Scheme to prevent abuse/misuse.

Whenever a new *modus operandi* comes to light, Customs field formations and preventive agencies are alerated to prevent recurrence and take necessary action in terms of Law.

Fake companies offering jobs

*240. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of fake companies are coming into existence in the country every other day and collecting